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 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (7.00 pm): I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a recent record achieved by one of Buderim's unique organisations—an organisation that is responsible for the betterment of Buderim and the broader Sunshine Coast. Last Sunday, I was privileged to attend one of the highlights of the Buderim calendar where the Buderim Foundation presented nearly \$100,000 in grants to local communities groups. Along with Mayor Mark Jamieson and Alistair Cook of the Buderim Pharmacy, who is the proud sponsor of the foundation, I was proud to present cheques to 21 of our selfless community organisations.

There were grants to help fund all sorts of projects, including shade sails at the local Buderim Community Kindergarten, a local cornerstone that has delivered early learning for our children for over 50 years. I should mention that I was also privileged to recently attend the Buderim Community Kindergarten's 50th birthday celebration. Alongside my four kids, who were very excited to play in the mud kitchen, devour some expertly cooked Buderim Lions sausages, get their faces painted and consume way too much birthday cake, it was great to reminisce with stories of years past and reflect on the special place that is the Buderim Community Kindergarten, which is today still delivering excellent play-based learning for young children in their year prior to starting school. On behalf of the community, I would like to wish the Buderim Community Kindergarten a happy birthday.

Some of the other projects that were supported by the Buderim Foundation last weekend include vehicles to assist nursing and animal rescue organisations, the development of a dementia awareness program, a mental health program, along with extra resources for cancer and palliative care patients. Local sport was given a big boost—including athletics, croquet and pony clubs—along with many social groups.

I would like to congratulate every recipient, but it is everyone in our community who will benefit as the Buderim Foundation increases opportunities for locals and strengthens the overall social fabric of our community. Each grant recipient has their own special cause and goal; however, each has the common goal and purpose of improving our Buderim community.

The Buderim Foundation strives to build a stronger community by harnessing the power of giving. The concept is simple—money comes in from incredibly generous donors and philanthropists, it is carefully invested and managed to generate income, and then whatever money is generated is distributed to community-based organisations. It is simple and immensely effective, and it will continue long into the future. The foundation has awarded almost \$830,000 to local groups since 2008, and this money has backed many local initiatives that Buderim residents use and enjoy today. I am looking forward to the day that they crack a million dollars in grants, which will be not too far away, I am sure.

I want to use my remaining time to thank everyone behind the success of the Buderim Foundation, including the grants committee led by Rebecca Ramsay. Rebecca will soon be stepping down from her role after five years of both assessing the applications and making the decision about what is going to get supported. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. I have no doubt that new chair Linda Bolton will continue the good work. I am excited to see what new heights the Buderim Foundation can reach and what community groups can achieve with its unwavering support.